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7. An article recently appeared in Chuan Min Pao, Chinese Communist newspaper in Bangkok, describing the activities of the Chinese Nationalists in Kengtung. The article in question accused Col. CHOU Hsiang-shu****, former Chinese Military Attache in Bangkok, of organizing the remnants of the 93 Division in Kengtung to commit extensive acts of pillage in Burma and Thailand. The article was signed WU Wu (伍 武), but the real author was Long.
8. The article was sent in draft form by Long to Xom in Bangkok. Xom corrected it and arranged for its appearance in Chuan Min Pao. The article was later translated into Thai and appeared in Mahachon, Thai Communist newspaper. A large number of copies of the Chuan Min Pao issue containing the article were sent by Xom to Long, who then arranged for distribution among the Chinese population in Kengtung State. As the Chinese in Kengtung are less popular than the Vietnamese, the Chinese Communist organization is more clandestine than the Viet Minh****. Consequently, in many matters, Long acts for the Chinese Communists.

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25X1X ** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Before going to Kengtung, Tuong and his wife, Nhung, spent four months in Chiangrai studying Mandarin. Most of the population of Kengtung is Yunnanese. They speak a form of Mandarin.

25X1X *** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Tuong's real activity is unknown. He belongs to the Tran Van Giau clique. Despite rivalry between the Van Giau clique and the official Viet Minh, it appears that the two groups are cooperating in Kengtung.

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25X1X ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Some of the factors that point to the great importance attached to the Kengtung activities by the Viet Minh high command are: the fact that the distinguished Can-bo Long is in charge of these activities; the visit in early 1949 of the military mission headed by an equally important Can-bo, Tran Huy Lieu; and the visit in March 1949 of the important Communist Can-bo, Luu Van Loi, ostensibly to bring money.

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